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SUBJ: ENERGY: ARAB OIL EMBARGO

REF: ABU DHABI 0056

1. EMB INFORMED CONFIDENTIALLY BY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABU DHABI SOURCE THAT DECISION TAKEN WITHIN PAST TEN DAYS BY UAE/ABU DHABI GOVTS TO SUPPORT THE SAUDI MOVE AT FORTH-COMING TRIPOLI ARAB OIL MINISTERS MTG TO LIFT EMBARGO AGAINST US. UAE/ABU DHABI WOULD HOWEVER, APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ANY QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON OVERALL LEVEL OF EXPORTS THAT AGREED UPON BY OTHER ARAB PRODUCERS. DURING CHARGE'S CALL FEB 7 ON MINSTATE FORAFF GHUBASH, I ASKED HIM WHAT POSITION UAE WOULD TAKE AT FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE. HE REPLIED THAT UAEG WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY FOLLOW SAUDI RATHER THAN KUWAITI LEAD. CHARGE STRESSED POINT WITH GHUBASH THAT SEC KISSINGER

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NEEDED POSITIVE GESTURE FROM ARABS AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO

CONTINUE MOMENTUM TOWARD ME PEACE SETTLEMENT. GHUBASH AGREED COMMENTING THAT THIS WAS CERTAINLY POSITION EXPRESSED TO SHAIKH ZAYID BY PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT SYRIANS WERE INSISTING UPON SIMILAR DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE GIVING GREEN LIGHT TO ARAB PRODUCERS TO LIFT EMBARGO. GHUBASH FELT SYRIAN OBJECTIONS LIKELY WOULD BE OVERCOME AND SAUDIS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE LEAD AT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE TO RECOMMEND REMOVAL OF EXPORT BAN AGAINST US. CHARGE PLANS SEE MINPET OTAIBA PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT CONVINCE HIM OF URGENT NEED AT THIS TIME FOR POSITIVE PICTURE IN OUR DIRECTION ON PART OF MODERATE ARABS.
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